

VUSD Student Cell Phone/Earbud/Smart Eyewear Usage Expectations and Violation Protocol



Purpose

Ventura Unified School District is committed to providing safe, respectful, and distraction-free learning environments. Students have access to district devices for instructional use when appropriate. Personal electronic devices are not needed during the school day except in emergencies or when specifically authorized by school staff.

Student Expectations High School (Grades 9-12)

During instructional time:

- Cell phones must be turned off and put away (backpack or pocket; not visible or in use).
- Earbuds/headphones may not be worn or used.
- Smart eyewear (glasses with recording, camera, or communication features) may not be worn, used, or visible.

High School students may use personal devices before school, during passing periods, at lunch, and after school unless otherwise directed by staff.

Student Expectations Elementary & Middle School (Grades TK-8)

During the school day while on campus:

- Cell phones must be turned off and stored off the student's person.
- Earbuds/headphones may not be worn or used.
- Smart eyewear (glasses with recording, camera, or communication features) may not be worn, used, or visible during instructional time.
- Smartwatches may not be used during school; they must be on "Class" or "Focus" mode during school hours.

Progressive Consequences:

Violations are cumulative throughout the school year.

- 1st Offense:** The teacher provides the student a reminder and a warning. Teacher documents as a first offense in Aeries and notifies the parent.
- 2nd Offense:** The device may be held by the teacher until the end of the class or referred to the office for confiscation. The teacher or administration documents as a second offense in Aeries. The parent/guardian is notified and educational corrective action and documentation is required.
- 3rd Offense:** The device is confiscated by the administration. The parent/guardian must retrieve the device. A parent conference is required. Additional classroom consequences may apply in accordance with Education Code and district policy including a class suspension.

4th and Subsequent: The device is confiscated by administration until an in-person parent/guardian meeting occurs. The student is then required to check in their device(s) daily in the office for a designated period of time. Additional school privileges may be restricted and further disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with district policy and education code.

Parent Partnership

Parents/guardians are encouraged to support these expectations by:

- Discussing appropriate technology use with their student.
- Limiting communication with students during the school day to emergencies whenever possible.
- Contacting the school office if urgent communication with a student is necessary.

Acknowledgement

Checking the box indicates that you have read and understand this policy. I acknowledge that:

- I have reviewed the Ventura Unified School District Secondary Cell Phone, Earbud, Smart Eyewear, and Smart Watch Expectations.
- I understand these expectations and the progressive consequences for violations.
- I have reviewed this information with my student and understand that violations may result in disciplinary action consistent with district policy and California Education Code.

References

- California Education Code §48901.7
- VUSD Board Policy 5131.8
- VUSD Board Policy 6163.4